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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

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Brenda Bozik 1963 E. Summit Muskegon, MI 49444

Plaintiff,

v.

Asset Acceptance, LLC c/o The Corporation Company 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2345 Bingham Farms, MI 48025

Defendant.

Case No.: 1:09-cv-194

**Gordon J Quist** 

Judge: U.S. District Judge

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES
UNDER THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION
PRACTICES ACT AND OTHER
EQUITABLE RELIEF

**JURY DEMAND ENDORSED HEREIN** 

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

Jurisdiction is founded on 28 U.S.C. §1331 pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices
Act (FDCPA), 15 U.S.C. §1692. Venue is proper because a substantial part of the events
giving rise to this claim occurred in this judicial district.

# FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 2. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3).
- 3. Plaintiff incurred a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(5).
- 4. At the time of the communications referenced herein, Defendant either owned the debt or was retained by the owner to collect the debt.
- 5. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).
- 6. Plaintiff filed this claim within the timeframe permitted under the FDCPA.
- On or around August 25, 2008, Defendant telephoned Plaintiff at Plaintiff's place of employment.

- 8. During this communication, Plaintiff notified Defendant that Plaintiff's employer prohibits such communications at Plaintiff's place of employment and/or that Defendant's telephone calls to Plaintiff's place of employment were inconvenient for Plaintiff.
- Despite this notice, Defendant telephoned Plaintiff at Plaintiff's place of employment on numerous occasions between August 2008 and January 2009.
- 10. During several of these communications, Plaintiff again notified Defendant that Plaintiff's employer prohibits such communications at Plaintiff's place of employment and/or that Defendant's telephone calls to Plaintiff's place of employment were inconvenient for Plaintiff.
- 11. During several of these communications, Defendant spoke to Plaintiff in a harassing, oppressive, and abusive manner.
- 12. During several of these communications, Defendant threatened to garnish Plaintiff's wages if Plaintiff did not satisfy the debt.
- 13. At the time of these communications, Defendant had neither the intent nor ability to garnish Plaintiff's wages.
- 14. Defendant damaged Plaintiff emotionally and mentally and caused Plaintiff substantial anxiety and stress.
- 15. Defendant violated the FDCPA.

# **COUNT ONE**

#### **Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act**

16. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.

17. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692c by calling Plaintiff at Plaintiff's place of employment after Defendant knew or had reason to know that Plaintiff's employer prohibited Plaintiff from receiving Defendant's phone calls.

#### **COUNT TWO**

#### **Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act**

- 18. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.
- 19. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692c by calling Plaintiff at a time and/or place known to be inconvenient for Plaintiff.

#### **COUNT THREE**

#### Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

- 20. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.
- 21. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692d in that Defendant used obscene and/or abusive language during its communications in connection with the collection of the debt.

#### **COUNT FOUR**

#### Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

- 22. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.
- 23. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e in that it threatened action that could not legally be taken and/or that was not intended to be taken.

# **COUNT FIVE**

#### Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

- 24. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.
- 25. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e by making misrepresentations during its communications with Plaintiff.

#### **COUNT SIX**

### Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

- 26. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.
- 27. The Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692f in that its actions were unfair and/or unconscionable means to collect the debt.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

28. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 29. Plaintiff prays for the following relief:
  - Judgment against Defendant for actual damages, statutory damages, and costs and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k.
  - b. For such other legal and/or equitable relief as the Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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